



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

SR-6J

August 11, 1996

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**Re: Approval of Remedial Alternatives Outline  
Lenz Oil Service Site  
Lemont, Illinois**

Dear Mr. Bielawski:

U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA (the Agencies) have received and reviewed the proposed remedial alternatives and remedial action objectives for the Lenz Oil site submitted on August 8, 1996, by ERM-North Central. The outline of alternatives included all of the options that the Agencies had requested, and the Agencies approve the alternatives proposal with the following modifications: (1) alternatives which fully address the soil contamination at the site do not need to also include capping as a component; and (2) if capping is retained as an option for soil posing a excess carcinogenic risk in the range of  $10^{-4}$ , an impermeable cap rather than a soil cap should be specified. Per conversations with John Griggs on August 9, 1996, the Agencies may be providing further suggestions for "streamlining" the proposed alternatives by August 21, 1996.

Regarding the proposed remedial action objectives included in the submittal, the U.S. EPA attorney will be reviewing the objectives this week and has indicated that he may propose slightly modified wording for the last three ground water objectives and the first LNAPL objective.

Please call me at (312) 886-4785 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Tierney  
U.S. EPA

cc: Elsie Millano, ERM-North Central, Inc. (also via facsimile)  
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